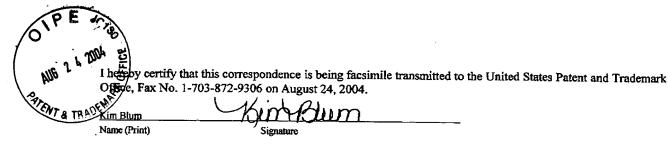
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 24, 2004

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before August 30, 2004.